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SUBJECT: EC FOOD AID TO PERU AND KENYA

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1. ARROWSMITH (DG VI,FOOD AID) TOLS US THAT HE HAD CAREFULLY EXAMINED U.S. REQUESTS FOR CHANGES IN THE UMR'S USED IN EC FOOD AID NOTIFICATIONS FOR PERU AND KENYA.WITH RESPECT TOJ PERU (REF. A), HE SAID THAT THE FIGURE OF 662,686 M.T. FOR 1970/71 PERUVIAN COMMERCIAL IMPORTS IS,IN FACT,CORRECT. HE CITED IWC DOCUMENT CCP/CSD/75/106 OF 6/9/75, WHICH AS A RESULT OF A CORRECTION RECEIVED FROM THE EC,RAISES THE IMPORT FIGURE FROM 453,686 TO 662,686 M.T. APPARENTLY 209,000 M.T.,WHICH WERE EARLIER THOUGHT TO BE NONCOMMERCIAL SALES,WERE DISCOVERED TO BE COMMERCIAL.

2. WITH REGARD TO FOOD AID TO KENYA (REF.B) , ARROWSMITH NOTED THAT THE U.S./E.CDISAGREEMENT ON KENYAN COMMERCIAL IMPORT FIGURES CONCERNS 3 YEARS: 1971/72,1972/73 AND 1973/74 EC FIGURES FOR 1971/72 AND 1972/73 ARE SUPPORTED
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BY IWC DOCUMENT CCP/CSD/75/113 OF 6/23/75 . THIS DOCUMENT

CONTAINS THE FIGURES USED BY THE EC IT NOTES THAT WHEAT IMPORTED THROUGH KENYA FOR UGANDA HAS BEEN DEDUCTED. ARROWSMITH SAID THAT THIS WAS THE REASON FOR THE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN U.S AND E.C FIGURES IN THOSE 2 YEARS. FIGURES FOR TRANSSHIPMENTS TO UGANDA WERE OBTAINED FROM THE KENYAN MINISTRY OF PLANNING.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE COMMERCIAL IMPORT FIGURES FOR 1973/74 ARROWSMITH ADMITTED THAT THE U.S FIGURE WAS PROBABLY CORRECT. HE SAID THAT FOR REASONS UNKNOWN TO HIM, COMMERCIAL IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA HAD BEEN DEDUCTED FROM TOTAL COMMERCIAL IMPORTS (AS SUGGESTED IN REF. B). HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THIS CHANGE WOULD INCREASE THE UMR BY ONLY ABOUT 2,750 M.T. HE ALSO NOTED THAT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES WITH KENYA HAD ALREADY BEGUN AND THAT THE U.S. COMMENTS HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED UNTIL SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE JUNE 18 EXTENDED DEADLINE. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE FACTORS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE NEGLIGIBLE AMOUNT INVOLVED, HE SAID THAT HE WAS RELUCTANT TO CHANGE THE UMR AT THIS TIME.
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